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SUBJECT: DEPARTURE OF BORISLAV SAMONIKOV, YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR

- 1. ON AUGUST 5, BORISLAV SAMONIKOV, YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR TO AFGHANISTAN, DEPARTED KABUL FOR A NEW ASSIGNMENT WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN ANNOUNCED.
- 2. SAMONIKOV'S DEPARTURE FROM KABUL WAS NOT UNEXPECTED.
  ACCORDING TO NIKOLA VUKICIVIC, THE YUGOSLAV CHARGE,
  THE AMBASSADOR HAD ANTICIPATED HE WOULD REMAIN ANOTHER MONTH,
  BUT HE WAS ORDERED HOME, HAVING AS YET RECEIVED
  NO WORD CONCERNING HIS NEXT ASSIGNMENT. VUKICIVIC HAS
  SPECULATED THAT SAMONIKOV MAY RETURN TO THE MINISTRY OF
  INTERIOR IN BELGRADE, WHERE HE SERVED BEFORE COMING TO
  KABUL 8, 1974 AS AMBASSADOR. IT IS EQUALLY POSSIBLE, HOWEVER,
  THAT HE MAY BE IN LINE FOR A NEW AMBASSADORSHIP OR FOR A POSITION
  IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
- 3. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR SAMONIKOV PERFORMED HIS DUTIES
  ABLY IN KABUL, AND WAS WELL LIKED HERE. HE AND HIS WIFE
  HAD MANY WESTERN FRIENDS. BOTH SPEAK GOOD ENGLISH. THEIR
  CHILDREN, SLAVICA (WHO WAS IN TENTH GRADE LAST YEAR) AND
  MIRKO (FIFTH GRADE), ATTENDED OUR AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
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